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# Office Action Summary

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 32-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 32-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 32-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dale et al. (U.S. 5,621,731) in view of Confer (U.S. 4,446,337).

- Considering claims 32 and 38, Dale discloses a **bypass** circuit which connects the analog port 30 ( **subscriber line module**) directly to an ISDN BRI local exchange on the subscriber line bypassing a PBX (**switch**). ISDN BRI Local exchange includes a **router** (see col. 50, lines 38-40) for routing calls (see col. 19, lines 59 through col. 20, lines 1-41).

Dale fails to disclose an intercepting system, intercepting the data on the subscriber line.

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However, Cofer discloses an automatic intercept system 25 (AIS) at the originating end, figures 4a and 4b, connected by a subscriber loop 15 (**subscriber line**) to subscriber telephone 11(see col. 7, lines 13-31).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of invention, to have modified the system disclosed by Dale, by incorporating the automatic intercept system of Cofer that is capable of intercepting call at the subscriber end and sending data to a router at a local exchange bypassing a switch.

- Considering claims 33-36, as discussed in claims 32 and 38 above, Cofer discloses AIS intercepting the data at the subscriber loop ahead of switch [claim 33], switching network [claim 34] and switching interface modules [claim 35] (switch 10 and 20, figure 4a and 4b).

As stated in claim 32 above, Cofer discloses that automatic intercepting system is placed ahead of **remote line termination unit** (see switching office 20, item 39), in figure 4b, in communication with the originating office 10 and to telephone 11 (see col. 7, lines 13-33, figure 4a).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of invention, to have utilized the AIS arrangement capable of intercepting calls at the subscriber line ahead of switching module in the *bypass circuit disclosed by Dale* (see figure 13) so that data can be delivered directly to a remote local exchange ( to a router, as discussed above).

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- Considering claims 37 and 39, Dale discloses various terminal end point **identifier** (TE1) **assignments** associated with a D channel in an ISDN local exchange switch (see col. 38, lines 5-11, 20-31, figure 31) and **associating** (see col. 38, lines 5-11, 20-31, figure 31) with the analog lines 1 and 2 (subscriber line).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Afsar M Qureshi whose telephone number is (703) 308 8542. The examiner can normally be reached on Compressed (9 Hrs.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on (703) 305 4744. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308 6306 for regular communications and (703) 308 6306 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305 4700.



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